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**REMARKS**

U.S. Patent Documents

Applicant brings to the attention of the examiner the following patents that were cited on page 1 in the instant specification:

U.S. Patent No. 6,003,941; see reference **AR**.

U.S. Patent No. 5,775,773; see reference **AAF**.

U.S. Patent No. 5,626,390; see reference **AAP**.

U.S. Patent No. 5,498,063; see reference **AAX**.

U.S. Patent No. 5,397,164; see reference **AAAC**.

U.S. Patent No. 5,050,930; see reference **AAAP**.

U.S. Patent No. 4,880,271; see reference **AAAY**.

U.S. Patent No. 4,632,454; see reference **AAAAC**.

U.S. Patent No. 4,452,485; see reference **AAAAP**.

U.S. Patent No. 4,354,709; see reference **AAAAS**.

Foreign Patent Documents

Applicant brings to the attention of the examiner the following patents that were cited on page 1 in the instant specification:

British Patent No. 2 013 487A; see reference BR.

EPO Patent No. 0 169 293 B1; see reference BM.

Applicant makes the following remarks relating to the cited foreign patents, arranged by reference number:

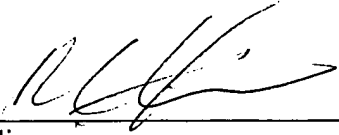
- BA** See English translation attached to EP 698 360 B1. The priority for this patent is AT serial number 1561/94, now patent number 402145. Equivalents include DE 59508036D and ES 2144599.
- BB** No remarks.
- BC** English claims are included in the specification of EP 0797 399 B1. US 5,934,752, as cited herein, is an English equivalent. An additional equivalent includes JP 10510442T. The priority for this patent is DE 44 44803A1. Also see WO9518326.
- BD** English claims are included in the specification of EP 0 746 219 B1. US 6,079,783, as cited herein, is an English equivalent to this patent. The priority for this patent is DE 4405495. Also see WO9522270.
- BE** English claims are included in the specification of EP 0 696 251. US 5,704,687, as cited herein, is an English equivalent. Additional equivalents include AU 680249, BR PI9406485, CN ZL94191955, IN 108926, KR 306258, MX 190788 and ZA 94/2596. The priority for this patent is DE 4314325. Also see WO9425307.
- BF** English claims are included in the specification of EP 0 702 522 B1. US 5,913,569, as cited herein, is an English equivalent. The priority for this patent is DE 4320105. Also see WO9500053.
- BG** English claims are included in the specification of EP 0 662 795 B1. US 5,651,583, as cited herein, is an English equivalent. Additional equivalents include AU 684472, CN ZL93118221, KR 6158300 and IN 178518. The priority for this patent is DE 4232679. Also see WO9407393.

- BH** No English equivalents were found for this patent; see English translation of the abstract attached thereto.
- BI** Equivalents include DE 69206581D or DE 69206581T. The priority for this patent is IT 1991TO00831.
- BJ** Sere English translation attached to EP 0 434 660 B1. Equivalents include DE 59009013D, and ES 2077668T. The priority for this patent is AT 396055B.
- BK** English claims are included in the specification of EP 0485 483 B1. US 5,397,164, as cited herein, is an English equivalent. The priorities for this patent are AT 1882/89 and AT 2133/89. Additional equivalents include AU 645 987, CA 2,059,537, CN ZL90108563, CO 24068, BR PI9007576, JP 2833629B2, MX 174767, and ZA 90/7227. Also see WO9101666.
- BL** The specification of EP 0 322 535 is in English; equivalents include JP 1175808 and KR 9206272.
- BM** The specification of EP 169 293 B1 is in English; equivalents include SE 445 168 and US 4,627,661, as cited herein. Reference to 169 293 is made on page 1 of the instant patent specification.
- BN** See English abstract attached to FR 2596334; no additional English equivalents were found.
- BO** English claims are included in the specification of EP 0 006 840 B1. US 4,354,709, as cited herein, is an English equivalent to the EP patent. Equivalents also include AR 219799, BR 7904058, CA 1,113,192, CS 7904357, DE 2962040D, ES 481713, JP 55044175, MX 150056, SU 971117, US 4,452,485 (cited herein), YU 148779, ZA 7902780.
- BP** No English equivalent found; see English translation of the claims attached thereto. The relevance is to show the general state of the art.
- BQ** See English translation attached to RU 587924.
- BR** Reference to GB 2 013 487 is made on page 1 of the instant specification.
- BS** An equivalent to GB 1 423 617 includes DE 2345254. AT 316802 is the priority for this patent.
- BT** US 3,762,769, as cited herein, is an English equivalent to DE 206 4419. Additional equivalent patents include FR 2120888 and IT 940824.

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**BU** US 3,724,144, as cited herein, is an English equivalent to DE 204 0794. Additional equivalent patents include FR 2065915 and SE 372 698. AT 306949 is the priority for this patent.

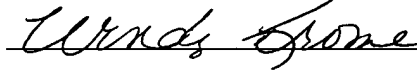


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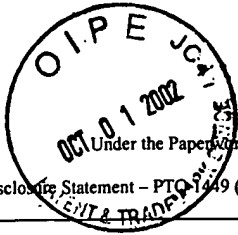


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